

ARTICLE APPEARED
ON PAGE A-6NEW YORK TIMES
17 November 1984

Stalin Daughter's Remarks

MOSCOW, Nov. 16 (AP) — *Following are excerpts from a statement today by Svetlana Alliluyeva, Stalin's daughter, as translated by her interpreter from the Russian:*

My decision to return to my country of birth, to my children, grandchildren, numerous relatives and not-to-be-forgotten friends, is a decision of my own. It is a purely human decision and not a political one. I have never dealt with politics and I do not intend to do this in future.

Even my defection in 1967 was based not on the political but on human motives. Having found myself in this so-called free world, I was not free there for one single day. There I was in the hands of businessmen, lawyers, political figures and publishers who turned the name of my father, my own name and my life into a sensational commodity.

In those days, I became a favorite pet of the C.I.A., all those who even went to the limits of telling what I should write, when and how.

I know how many defectors who are prevented to return home only by fear of possible punishment. I am speaking now about those who, just like myself, have stayed there fooled by the ideals of pseudodemocracy.

My youngest daughter was born in California and is here in the U.S.S.R. together with me.

She will learn the language,

which is her second mother tongue, she will receive education and she will always have work, and this is something which I could not hope for should we stay abroad.

According to all laws of the United States and of the U.S.S.R., only I alone as a mother have legal custody over her, and I am the only responsible person for her life and well-being. Her father, William Wesley Peters, an architect, is a weak man, and he does what he is told to do. He married me because he was told to do so by his bosses and by the people who surrounded him, and in doing this he overestimated my financial status. When he finally found this out, all his interest in the family and in his newborn daughter evaporated.

Our marriage was dissolved quite soon after. And in the settlement he signed in Phoenix, Ariz., he gave up all his rights to the daughter. He has not sent a single penny for her needs, and he constantly ignored his visiting rights. He has seen her only 4 times in 12 years. I am surprised at his interest in his daughter now. I will do my utmost in order to ridicule his underhanded attempts to interfere after so many years in the life of our daughter.